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Honorable Felix J. Boudreaux
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Conville Sand, Reservoir B; Brown-Ozley Sand;
Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Hosston B Zone,
Reservoir A; and Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A; BEAR
CREEK FIELD, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Conville Sand, Reservoir B; the Brown-Ozley Sand; the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A; and the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A; all in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on an attached plat and being designated L HOSS A RA SUD.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as Operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso Production Company--Boddie et al. 34 No. 1 Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as the unit well for L HOSS A RA SUD, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.
5. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, to the proposed additional unit for the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.

6. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Boddie et al. 34 No. 1 Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as the substitute unit well for BR-OZ SUBB, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, and Order No. 78-40, effective December 1, 1966.

7. To designate Applicant as Operator of BR-OZ SUBB.

8. To authorize Applicant to complete, designate and utilize its Boddie et al. 34 No. 1 Well, located as shown on an attached plat, as an alternate unit well for CON RB SUB, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.

9. To permit the Operator of CON RB SUB to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

10. To authorize the downhole combination of production from the Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A; the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; and the Conville Sand, Reservoir B; or from any combination of such intervals, in any well located on HOSS C RA SUN, HOSS B RA SUY, L HOSS A RA SUD and CON RB SUB, in which the ownership interests in the intervals to be downhole combined is identical.

11. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Conville Sand, Reservoir B, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989.

The Brown-Ozley Sand in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-D, effective February 20, 1952.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.

The Hosston B Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q effective February 18, 1971, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Q-8, effective July 6, 1982.

The Hosston C Zone, Reservoir A, in the Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 78-Y, effective September 11, 1980.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana

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70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

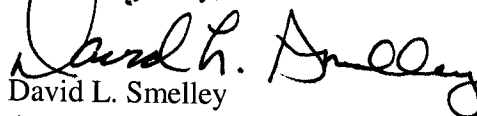
By letter dated May 6, 2002, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and a pre-application conference with respect to Applicant's proposals was tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2002. No request for the pre-application conference was received; therefore, no conference was held.

Attached hereto are three (3) unit plats, which are identical to the plats attached to the pre-application notice. Also attached hereto is a list of the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list is being forwarded only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation. A copy of the list will be furnished by the undersigned to any party so requesting. A reasonable effort was made to obtain a complete list of Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and the enclosed plats, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bear Creek Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, we enclose our check payable to the Commissioner of Conservation for the application fee.

Yours very truly,

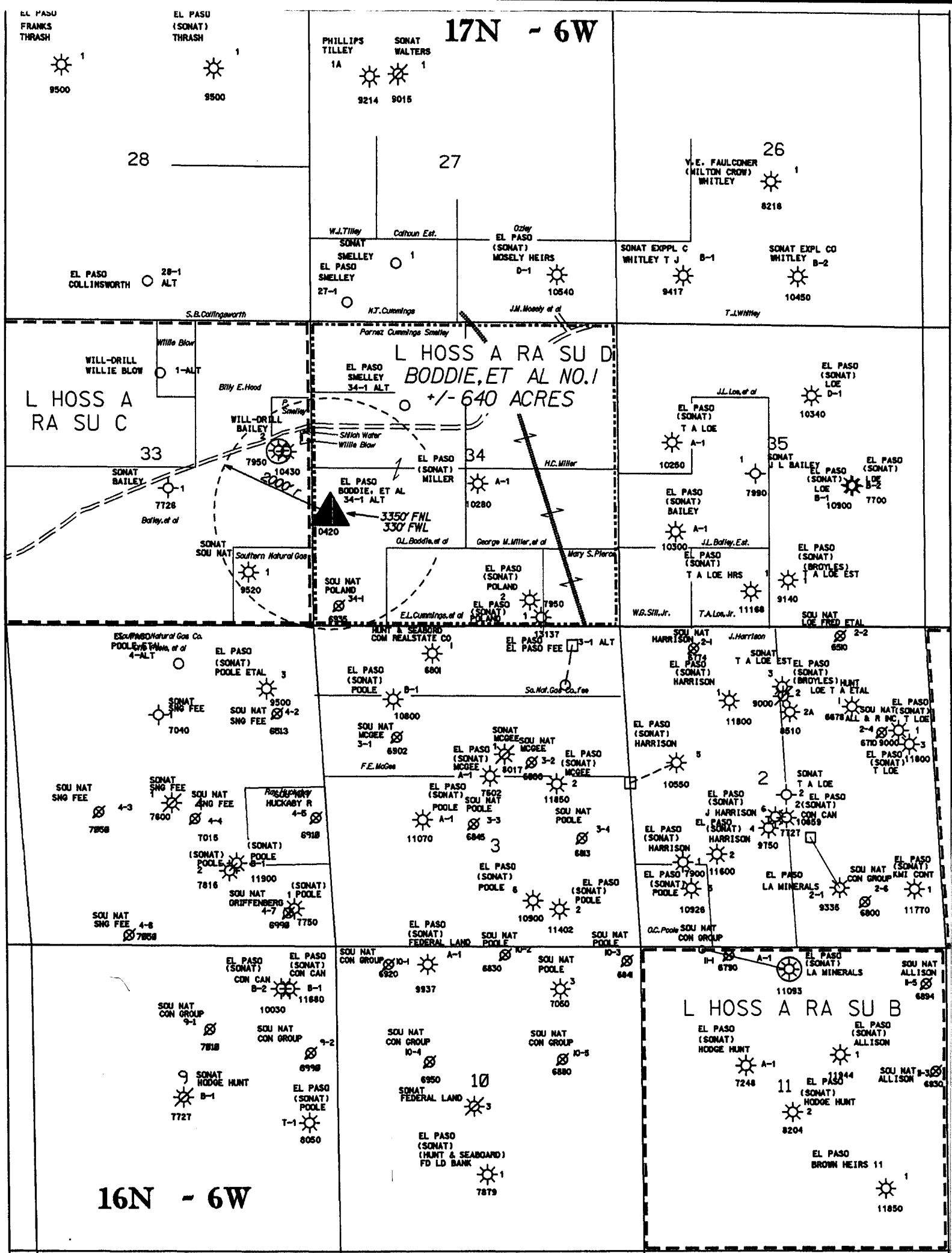

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Enclosures

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Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encl.)
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encl.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented
Parties and Interested Parties (w/plats only)



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ENGINEERED PROP
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DAVIS OIL COMPANY
FORD JOHN N
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FORD J M
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REMOVED FROM BASE

LOWER HOSSTON A ZONE, RESERVOIR A,
UNITS AS PER 78-AA SERIES OF ORDERS

PROPOSED LOWER HOSSTON A UNIT

UNIT WELL

PROPOSED UNIT WELL

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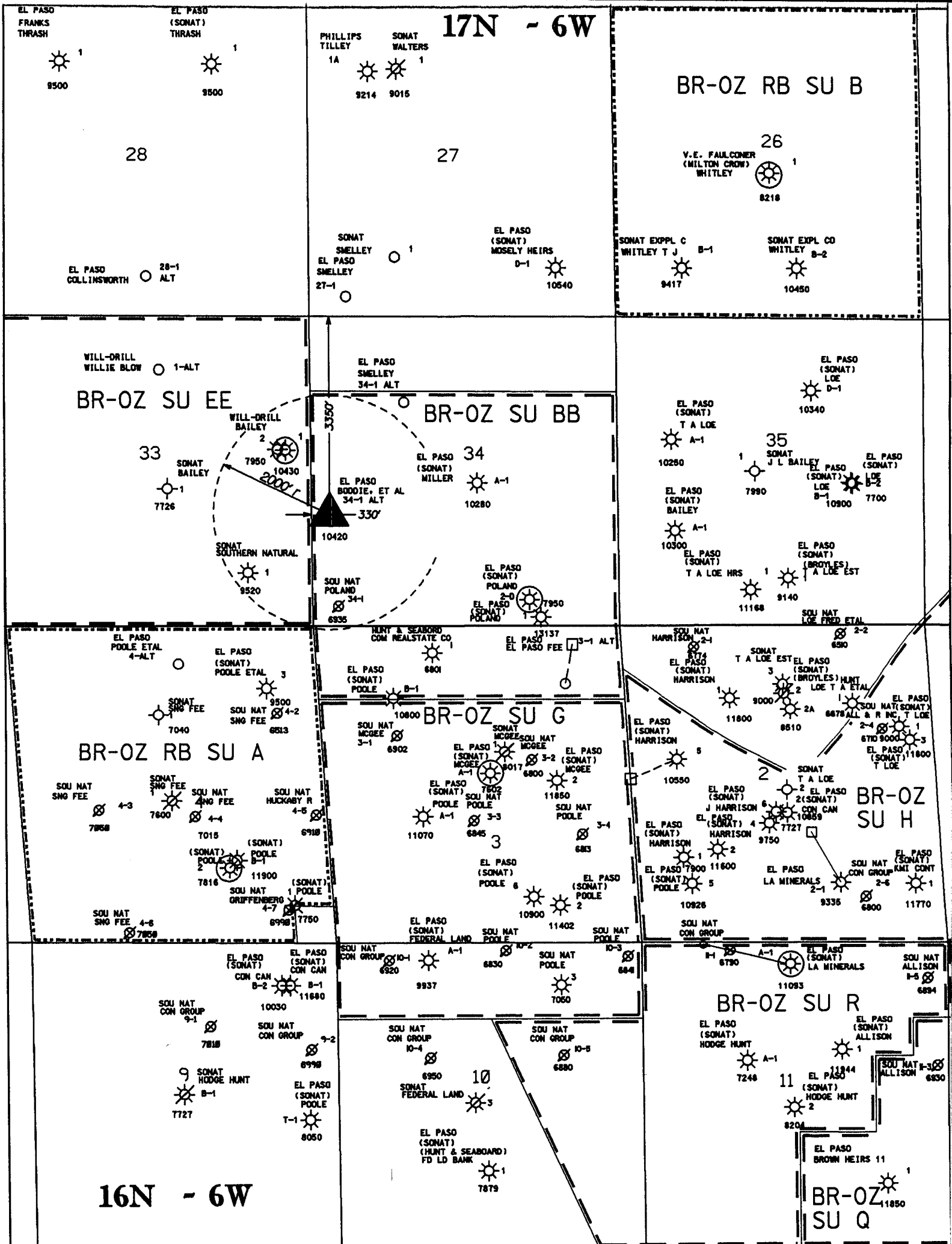
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BEAR CREEK FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED UNIT PLAT
LOWER HOSSTON ZONE,
RESERVOIR A

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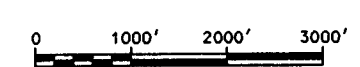
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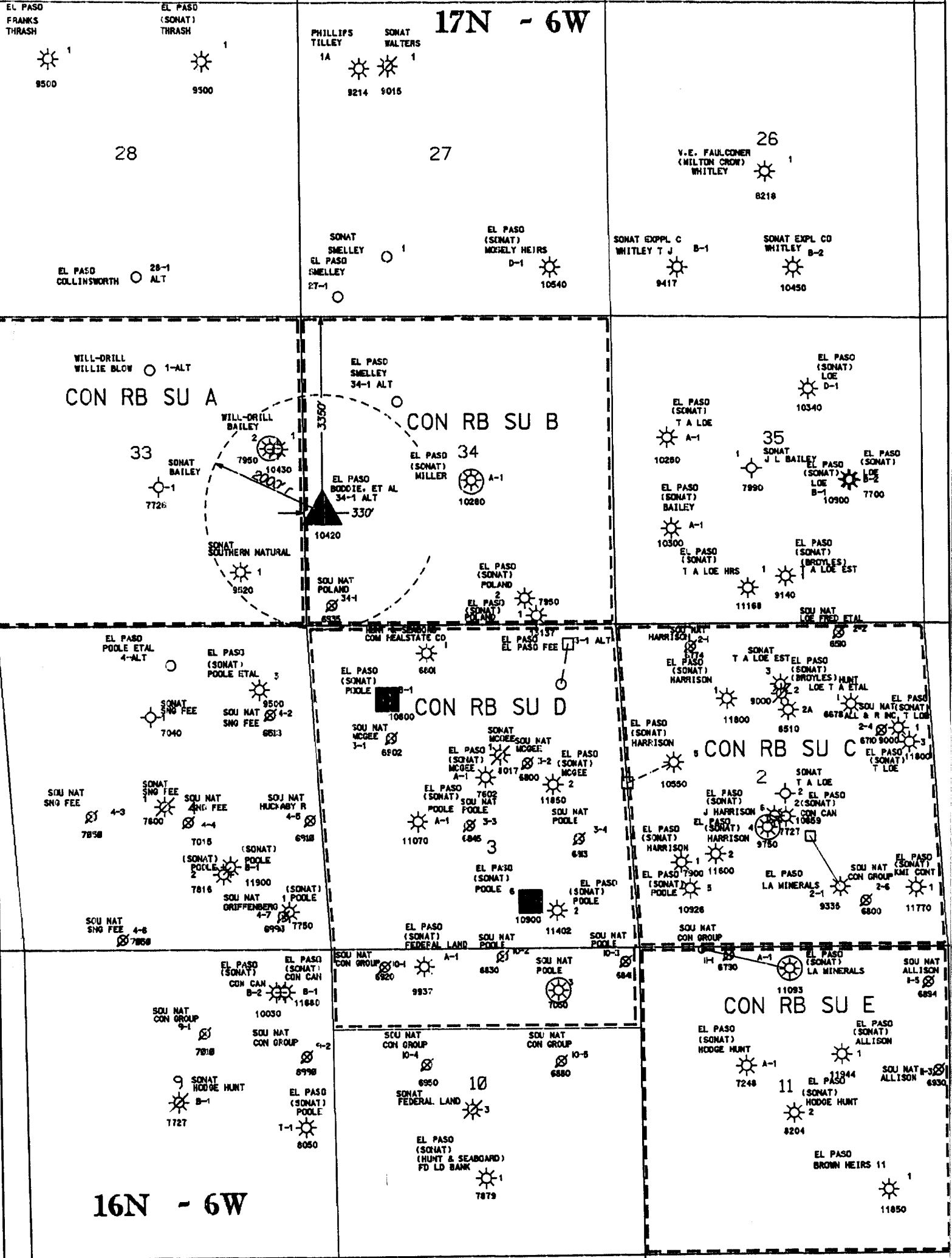
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PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
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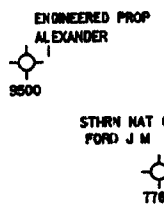
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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
CON RB SU B

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